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For: CERIUM AND/OR LANTHANUM)
PHOSPHATE SOL, A PROCESS FOR)
ITS PREPARATION AND USE FOR)
POLISHING)

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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**Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231**

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-captioned application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A sol, comprising:

 - an aqueous phase;
 - particles of a phosphate of at least one rare earth selected from the group consisting of cerium and lanthanum;
 - an acid other than phosphoric acid, the cerium and lanthanum salts of which are soluble in water.